

chapter helps realize the mission of this international organization and makes a real difference to families and children in the region.

At the same time, two notable Kiwanis members, Mr. Lynn Aas and Mr. John Sinn, are celebrating their 100th birthdays this year. As part of the "greatest generation" and as World War II veterans, Lynn and John have both been an important part of the Minot community and set a great example for their fellow Kiwanis members.

A native of McLean County, ND, Lynn Aas fought as a rifleman in the historic Battle of the Bulge. He served with the 17th Airborne Division of the 193rd Airborne Infantry and received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the French Legion of Honor medal.

Following the war, he returned to his home State, where he earned his law degree from the University of North Dakota. In addition to his time as a Kiwanis member, Lynn served in our State's legislature for four sessions, was the president of the Minot Chamber of Commerce, served on the board for the United Way, and has been a longtime supporter of Minot State University.

As a member of the 386th Infantry Regiment, John Sinn served in the European theatre, where he earned the Bronze Star. He then returned home to farm with family members in Ryder, ND, eventually coming to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957.

John retired in 1989, more than 30 years ago. However, rather than taking a well-earned rest, he has been hard at work serving the Minot community. Among his efforts as a volunteer, he is best known for his work to improve and maintain the Scandinavian Heritage Park.

This is an iconic outdoor museum that is central to the community's identity and home to the annual Norsk Hostfest, the largest celebration of Scandinavian culture and history in North America. The best view of the park can be found at John Sinn Outlook, a testament to his many contributions.

It is therefore appropriate to take this time to recognize the hard work, dedication, and service of Lynn Aas, John Sinn, and the entire Kiwanis Club of Minot as they all celebrate their 100th birthdays this year.

TRIBUTE TO TOM GRESHAM

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, on May 31, 2020, Mr. Tom Gresham of Indianola, MS, concluded his term as the 84th president of Delta Council. I am pleased to commend him for his service and contributions to the Delta region and the State of Mississippi.

Organized in 1935, Delta Council plays an important role in uniting the agricultural, business, and economic development leadership to solve problems and promote greater opportunities in the Mississippi Delta region,

which encompasses 19 counties in Northwest Mississippi.

Mr. Gresham's tenure began on the heels of the devastating and historical Yazoo Backwater Flood of 2019, which destroyed thousands of acres, hundreds of homes, and took two lives. As a Delta native, business owner, and servant to his community, his leadership helped bring tremendous attention and change to a new plan proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address this critical flood control issue.

He also met challenges unlike any other Delta Council president in the unprecedented times we faced during the onset of the global pandemic of COVID-19. In leading Delta Council throughout his presidency, he navigated the way for the council to continue its devoted work to the region, despite the difficulties the virus brought us. This included the first-ever virtual meeting of Delta Council.

I also applaud Mr. Gresham, as a longtime former chairman of Delta Council's Development Department, along with Delta Strong leadership, on bringing hundreds of jobs to the Delta through the Delta Strong industrial recruitment initiative. As the president of Double Quick, Inc., for over 35 years, Tom Gresham knows what it takes to grow a successful business in the Delta.

Despite the time spent dedicated to his presidency and career, Mr. Gresham still finds time to serve in a multitude of capacities locally and regionally. He has served in leadership roles as co-chairman of the Indianola Promise Community, director of Northwest Mississippi Community Foundation, past chairman of Mississippi Economic Council past president of Mississippi Association of Convenience Stores, Indianola Educational Foundation, Indianola Rotary Club, Mid-Delta Arts Association, Society of Independent Gas Marketers of America, and more.

I am pleased to join the citizens throughout the State of Mississippi in commending Thomas G. Gresham and sharing our appreciation with his wife Louise Houseman Gresham and their three adult children and four grandchildren. His input over his year of service has undoubtedly contributed to the overall success of this highly respected 86-year-old organization, Delta Council.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL HOLLIS

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Mr. Paul Hollis of Rolling Fork, MS, for his service and contributions to the State of Mississippi while serving as the 85th president of Delta Council.

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Mr. Hollis has selflessly committed himself this year to the standing prior-

ities of Delta Council's agenda, namely flood control, among other major issues the council addresses. As the owner and operator of Hollis Farms in Anguilla, MS, for over 30 years, he knows all too well the unjust history and devastation the incomplete Yazoo Backwater Pumps flood control project has brought to his community. There are few proponents of the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project who have volunteered the time, loyalty, attention, and leadership as fervently as Paul Hollis.

Mr. Hollis assumed the role of Delta Council president in a nontraditional fashion by way of the first-ever virtual meeting of Delta Council, due to the unprecedented challenges we faced during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Despite the hardships the virus brought upon our State and Delta Council, Mr. Hollis led this organization admirably through the rest of 2020 to restore the traditional Delta Council Day at the 86th annual meeting, at which I am honored to serve as the keynote speaker.

Outside of his time spent working on his farm and serving Delta Council, Mr. Hollis contributes his leadership skills to many valuable community organizations. He serves as commissioner for the Mississippi Levee Board and chairman of the Delta Council Flood Control Committee. He is president of his local Rotary Club, president of the Sharkey Country Club, serves on the board for Sharkey-Issaquena Academy, as well as Sharkey County School Board, chairman of the Board for Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus, and a board member for the Lower Delta Partnership. He has also served as past chairman of Farm Service Agency for Sharkey County and is chairman of Trustees for Rolling Fork United Methodist Church.

It is my pleasure to join the citizens throughout the great State of Mississippi in offering congratulations to Mr. Paul C. Hollis and sharing our appreciation with his wife Laura Boykin Hollis, their four adult children, and six grandchildren. His input over his year of service has undoubtedly contributed to the overall success of this highly respected 86-year-old organization, Delta Council.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, last September, the Echo Mountain Complex Fire swept through Lincoln County in my home State of Oregon. Nearly 300 homes were destroyed. At least 50 other buildings and structures were burned as well. In just a few days, the lives that residents spent decades building literally went up in smoke. These devastated families began looking around for help—for safety and security; for support getting back on their feet and rebuilding their lives. And they quickly found that help coming from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Even as the fire raged and families raced out of its path, leaving their homes and belongings behind, the Siletz worked with the Red Cross to open the doors of the Chinook Winds Casino to provide shelter and safety for their displaced neighbors in need. Sadly that safety and security provided by the Siletz was short lived as the casino itself was forced to be evacuated as the fire made its way dangerously close. And with the loss of power and phones lines and people in their cars on the way to the casino while others were leaving, it was hard getting any clear information. How harrowing it must have been for all those who believed they had escaped the worst, only to be forced once more to run from the path of an oncoming inferno. But the Tribe used the casino's shuttles to bring evacuees to the Newport Red Cross site, while staff volunteered to help deliver meals to those in need.

Fortunately, the casino was not damaged, and everyone who was there made it to safety. And after the fire subsided, leaving a path of destruction in its wake, the doors of Chinook Winds and its hotel were once again opened to those in need. Families and members of the community who could not be in their homes—whether because those homes were completed gone or damage to roofs and other parts made them unlivable—were able to stay for up to 3 months at no cost to themselves until they could return to their own houses or found a new permanent living situation.

But all these months later, many Oregonians impacted by the Echo Mountain Complex Fire are still struggling to rebuild their lives. Many still don't have a place to call home. Fortunately, they once again have the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians looking out for and working with them, in partnership with FEMA, to get them back on their feet.

Since March, the Tribe has been hosting FEMA provided trailers on their lands to house Oregonians impacted by the fire until they can find permanent housing—something that could take anywhere from 18 to 24 months in this part of the State that continues to struggle with a shortage of affordable housing.

This is the first time in Oregon's history and potentially in the history of the whole country that FEMA has partnered with the leadership of a Tribe to host housing units on Tribal lands. FEMA was originally working with Lincoln County and Lincoln City to put these homes on another site, but that effort was stalled when the Agency found several problems with the site. Hearing about the problems and recognizing the urgent need to get roofs over the heads of these families, the Siletz jumped at the chance to help out.

Thanks to the partnership between the Tribe's leaders, FEMA, Lincoln City, which had to change a zoning law to help make it happen, and Siletz

Tribal Business Corporation staff, this project was developed and completed in record time—a testament not only to the real need for this help but to everyone's commitment to making it happen. And today, all 25 trailers are fully occupied, and the people living there have developed their own little community to support one another.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for not only opening their doors and helping those in need in the middle of two crises—the pandemic and the Echo Mountain Complex Fire—but for continuing to step up and help their neighbors in need all these months later. It really speaks to the spirit of the Tribe and to the entire Oregon community to see that, when times get tough and people are in need of help, they can count on others to be there for them.●

TRIBUTE TO LISA'S FIFTH STREET DINER

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business and beloved staple, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner of Bowling Green, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Located in the heart of Bowling Green, KY, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner opened its doors in 2010. After operating a successful catering business, founder and owner Lisa Parker decided to open a restaurant with her husband, Cliff Parker. Together, they created a homestyle diner with delicious food, friendly service, and a welcoming atmosphere.

Over a decade later, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner has become a local favorite. They continue welcoming customers from all over Kentucky, from local Western Kentucky University students to baseball fans traveling to cheer on the Bowling Green Hot Rods. But no matter how far customers travel, they can always depend on Lisa and her team to serve them a hot, country-style meal with a friendly smile. Their outstanding service was covered by WKY TV's SoKY Sunrise, which recognizes local small businesses using their signature hashtag, "Because Local Matters." Additionally, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner has consistently received outstanding reviews from local and industry outlets alike.

Like many small business owners, Lisa and Cliff are active in their community, supporting various charitable organizations. For several years, the Parkers have teamed up with local volunteers to provide free Thanksgiving meals to folks in need. In 2018, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner partnered with Meijer, a local grocery store, to provide 300 Thanksgiving meals to fami-

lies in need. This support is not one-way, however, with Bowling Green stepping up to support the Parkers through thick and thin. When the COVID-19 pandemic occurred, Bowling Green continued supporting Lisa's Fifth Street Diner, ordering carryout meals and ensuring this small business stayed open throughout the year. In early 2021, Lisa, a three-time cancer survivor, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The community rallied around her, raising funds and organizing a benefit to support her during this time.

Despite the challenges, Lisa has continued to be an uplifting example. In April 2021, Lisa was honored as a Hughes & Coleman Hometown Hero by local news station WBKO. In addition to her community leadership, this award recognized Lisa's hard work, compassion, and commitment to her staff and customers.

Lisa's Fifth Street Diner is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in every aspect of building community. Small businesses like Lisa's Fifth Street Diner form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Lisa, Cliff, and the entire team at Lisa's Fifth Street Diner. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING UNCLE LEE'S

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Uncle Lee's of Greenville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1975, founder Lee Fauntleroy established Uncle Lee's gun shop. The store provided a wide range of supplies for sportsmen and hunters in Greenville and the Muhlenberg County area. Uncle Lee's grew from 32,000 square feet, expanding twice over the next few decades. By 2015, this small business had 76,000 square feet of retail space and featured the largest gun inventory available in the State of Kentucky. After 40 years of owning and operating his small business, Lee was ready to retire and spend more time with his family. In 2015, he sold Uncle Lee's to Lexington-based entrepreneurs Rex McClanahan and Joe Murphy.

Today, Uncle Lee's continues to supply generations of Kentucky hunters and sportsmen, drawing customers from all over the United States and abroad. Together, Rex and Joe have applied their years of experience running and managing several businesses to continue growing Uncle Lee's. Notably, Uncle Lee's features an indoor archery range and is the largest retail store in Greenville. Uncle Lee's is an active member of the Greater Muhlenberg